STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10

EXECUTIVE ORDER AUTHORIZING INCIDENT RESPONSE AUTHORITY IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2007 a weather system moved across the State of Montana producing rainfall in southcentral and southeast Montana in excess of 2 ½ inches in addition to heavy snowfall at higher elevations in excess of two feet, causing the Little Big Horn River, the Big Horn River, Lodge Grass Creek and other small streams to rise rapidly above flood stage; and

WHEREAS, these events have caused damage to public roads, water systems and other property in addition to homes and other personal property in the areas of The Crow Indian Nation, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Town of Lodge Grass, Big Horn County; Rosebud county, and Custer County.

WHEREAS, The Crow Indian Nation, Town of Lodge Grass and Big Horn County have requested that Disaster and Emergency Services Division assist with this incident; and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of necessary state government services, equipment and supplies under this proclamation will further efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property and resources of the people of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of an incident, as defined in Section 10-3-103(7), MCA, requires action by disaster and emergency services personnel, and Section 10-3-310 authorizes the Governor to expend funds from the general fund to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property or natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby activate the applicable portions of the State Emergency Coordination Plan, effective June 7th, 2007.

This Order is effective June 7th, 2007.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this (3⁺⁴⁴day of June, 2007.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Expernoi

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BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State